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The Southern Ute Drum

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE DRUM STAFF TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

TRIBAL YOUTH

Native youth says YES!

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Youth Entrepreneurship Summit (YES!) is a non-profit organization designed for high school and college-aged Natives interested in business. It gives Native youth the chance to learn from accomplished entrepreneurs about the strategies, skills, and practices that have helped them reach their dreams. The conference was held on Monday, Nov. 16 at the Buffalo Thunder Casino in Santa Fe, NM, and featured special guests including native actor/rapper Gary “Litefoot” Davis, Dr. Chris Emdin, Tasha Zuzalek, and S.R. Tommie. Youth representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe attended the conference where they were able to expand their skills in business and leadership.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal youths representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe pose for a photo during the YES conference held in Santa Fe, NM.

“Don’t let other people tell you what you can or can’t do,” said Gary “Litefoot” Davis during the opening introduction. “Don’t let yourself be dic-

tated by the obstacles – find the solutions ... I use my music now to teach [the youth] about Indian Culture. We want you to know that it’s possible for

you to accomplish your dreams while being sovereign people.”

YES! is interactive, as

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L RTP

Transportation Plans in final stages

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Tribal Planning Department held an open meeting with tribal members and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Permanent Fund and Growth Fund staff to discuss the Long Range Transportation Plan Update and Tribal Transportation Safety Plan on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Ignacio High School Auditorium.

Stan Reich of WHPacific, Inc. – a 100 percent

Native American owned full-service engineering, architectural, planning, and technical consulting firm headquartered in Colorado Springs – presented the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update and the Tribal Transportation Safety Plan (TTSP). The tribe hired WHPacific to complete the plan.

The Long Range Transportation Plan Update is used to clearly demonstrate the tribe’s transportation

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UTE LANGUAGE

Saving a dying language

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In an aggressive effort of saving the Southern Ute language, tribal members met during a Language Revitalization and Documentation meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18 to discuss the various strategies of keeping the language alive – which many have agreed is unfortunately deteriorating. Dr. Stacey Oberly, SUIMA Ute Language Guide, gave a number of suggestions that were deemed beneficial in reviving the Southern Ute language, which includes working with younger age groups,

recording songs in the Ute language, hosting camps, and creating partnerships with universities. “We need to document every aspect of our language and we need to do it quick – we don’t have many elders left,” said Dr. Oberly. “I suggest we consider these [strategies] toward revitalizing our language while being honest with ourselves. We are doing this for the youth and the many youth to come.” In a recent study provided by Dr. Oberly, approximately 566 tribes have been recognized by the United States government in 2015 – with around 200 native languages being spoken throughout



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal member Stacey Oberly gives examples of how to revitalize the Southern Ute language, including documentation and early childhood education.

the U.S. and Canada. With the ongoing decline of language revitalization, only 20 American Indian languages will be spoken by the year

2050. With the introduction of these new language strategies, the Southern Ute Indi-

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TRIBAL HOUSING

Cedar Point housing survey results released

Staff report
SU TRIBAL PLANNING

Included below are the Cedar Point Housing Survey results, which will potentially be located at the Cedar Point subdivision. After a meeting with Trib-

al Council, the team, which includes several departments from the Permanent Fund and the Growth Fund, was advised to make these results public so that the tribal membership could further comment on the project. Tribal Council also made it

clear to the team that they not only approve but fully support Phase 1 of the housing project, and has given us the green light to move forward.

With this information in hand, we now have a stepping stone that can allow us to make these rental units and

other housing lots a reality. If there are any questions, comments or concerns, please call the Department of Housing at 970-563-4710.

Note: See results on page 4.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund New Hours

Monday – Thursday
Departments open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Natural Resources
- Wildlife Resource Management
- Tribal Information Services
- Tribal Housing
- Social Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Tribal Council Affairs
- Tribal Services

Departments open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Tribal Court
- Lands Division
- Finance
- Tribal Health Dept. (various sections)
- Human Resources
- Management Information Services
- Building Maintenance
- Division of Gaming Administration
- Environmental Programs
- Dental Clinic (3 days/week)
- Public Health Nursing

Departments open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- Legal Services

Remaining Departments/Divisions will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All Permanent Fund Departments are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Walking to not be forgotten



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Sky Dawn Carmenoros and family listen as Randy Baker Sr. talks about why we should always celebrate the life we live at the Sobriety Memorial Walk held in honor of Ben Velasquez, Randy Baker, Ricky Baker and Clayton Baker. More photos page 6.

Utes educate at schools



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School hosted a special assembly in honor of Native American Heritage Day on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Dixie Naranjo (left) Shane Seibel enter the gymnasium. See more photos on page 3.



Youth bull riders ride into town



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The American Youth Bull Riders Finals returned to the Southern Ute Growth Fund's Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Thursday, Nov. 19 through Sunday, Nov. 22. The finals hosted 197 riders from 20 associations across the United States. The Southern Ute Veterans Association was on hand to bring in the colors to begin the opening ceremonies.



Young bull riders flash a smile before they prepare to ride in the respective age groups. The riders competed and the top 10 riders in each age group advanced daily to Sunday's finals. Trophies included 6 saddles and 80 buckles.

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost (right) and Southern Ute Royalty members Dewayne Hendren, Krystyn Weaver, and Odyssey Baker-Silva each gave a welcome speech to begin Friday's action.

Many Moons Ago



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Pictured here at the Colorado Governor's Mansion on Thursday, November 17 are (from left to right) Shonda Abeyta, Orion Watts, Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost, Springwind Frost, Colorado Lieutenant Governor Gale Norton, Kelsi Monroe and Renita Williams.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 23, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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needs for the next 20 years. The plan identifies the short, mid, and long-term needs, such as safety hazards, signage, future developments and pedestrian developments. The tribe's last LRTP was done in 2006. The following short-term projects were identified: alleviating congestion on Ouray Drive, enacting code – making traffic citations civil, installing signs and guard rails at La Posta curve, La Boca Bridge, signal improvements, improving the intersection of La Plata County Road 318 with 310. Mid-term projects sug-

gested include lighting improvements, pedestrian crossing to the Bear Dance grounds, accessibility improvements, road service improvements, and having the Ignacio Road Runner Transit link up with Archuleta County's Mountain Express. Long-term include wild life crossing with possible under passing for wildlife. The Tribal Traffic Safety Plan will be used to document safety concerns on Tribal, BIA, County and State-owned roads serving tribal lands. The Safety Plan identified some emphasis areas that

include: distracted driving, driving under the influence, speeding, seat belt use, motorcycle awareness, youth and elder driving, road conditions, pedestrians and bicycles, lighting, road maintenance and animal crashes. Strategies to make the emphasis areas safer include education, engineering and enforcement. Both plans were presented and open for comments, questions and concerns last Tuesday. The plans are substantially more detailed than information mentioned above. The final plan is set to go before Tribal Council in early December.



Moniqa Lujan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

November is Native American Month and students of the Southern Ute Education Center Afterschool Enrichment Program celebrated by making tasty treats. Fry bread was prepared every afternoon last week with the help of Lillie Frost. Enjoying their honey-drenched bread are Angel Herrera, Tristian Jefferson and Michelle Pena.


This photo first appeared in the Nov. 24, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Leonard C. Burch

4th Annual Memorial Walk/Run 1k/5k

Thursday December, 10th 2015



Meeting Place: SunUte
Free Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Start Time: 10:00 a.m.
Door Prizes and Tribal Employee Incentives
Awarded After Walk/Run




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For more info contact Lynnette Sage at 970-759-5682 or
Lisa Frost at 970-799-2056

HOW DOES Leonard C. Burch INSPIRE YOU?

HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO CONTEST

Contest ends December 10, 2015

Rules are simple:

- 1: Take a photo
- 2: Write a caption for the photo on how LCB inspires you
- 3: Upload to FaceBook, Instagram or Twitter and use the hashtag #LCBInspired

Photos without captions will not be considered for prizes.
Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place photos.

Students who do not have access to any social media can print their photo with a caption and bring it to The Southern Ute Drum Office at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO. Any questions contact Trennie Collins, Public Relations Coordinator at 970-563-0118 or tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov.

***** CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY *****

LOCAL UPDATE

Tribal member wood orders

It is once again the season for tribal members to order wood from the forestry division. Wood orders will be taken Monday thru Friday, please call 970-563-04780 & remember wood pick up days are Mondays

and Wednesdays and wood deliveries to elders and approved members are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No pick-ups or deliveries on Fridays so fuels crew can split wood, restock and clean equipment. Thank you, Forestry Division.

MUSEUM UPDATE

SUCCM Thanksgiving hours

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will be close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The museum will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 1. For information please call the SUCCM at 970-563-9583

Attention local artisans

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their

work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!



Sharing Ute culture



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

In honor of Native American Month the Southern Ute Culture Department held a Cultural Exhibition Friday, Nov. 20 showcasing tribal member's handcrafted regalia and art in the Large Classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

Tribal members also brought in photos of their families to share during the Cultural Exhibition.



Culture hosts sculpture class



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Culture Department hosted a two-day sculpture class, taught by Southern Ute tribal member, Oreland Joe, on Nov. 11-12. Tribal member, Jeremy Cuthair constructs his clay sculpture during the Southern Ute Cultural Department's sculpture class on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Wanted, Miss Indian World Contestants

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Christmas POWWOW

December 26, 2015

SOUTHERN UTE MULTI-PURPOSE BLDG.

Gourd Dance 3 - 5 p.m.

Potluck Dinner: 5 p.m.

Powwow Grand Entry: 7 p.m.

HEAD STAFF

MC - Eddie Box Jr.

Head Lady - Ellie Seibel

Head Man - Hunter Frost

Little Girl Head Dancer - Little Miss S.U., Krystyn Weaver

Little Boy Head Dancer - S.U. Brave, Dewayne Hendren

Host Drums - TBA

SPECIALS

Prettiest Shawl Contest (Winner-take-all)

Two-step Contest (Winner-take-all)

Switch Dance Contest (1st, 2nd and 3rd places)

Gingerbread House Contest (Winner-take-all)

Silent Auction - Gift Baskets

Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association

**All drums
are welcome!
Vendors \$25**

Vendor or Powwow information,
schedule a special or give-away,
please contact Dustin Weaver
at 970-759-0690.

SAVING A DYING LANGUAGE • FROM PAGE 1

an Tribe is hoping to not fall in that number.

"There are many native communities who are doing programs in keeping their language alive," Dr. Oberly added. "We need to join them in this effort."

"There's no doubting it, our language is dying," stated tribal elder, Lynnda Grove-D'Wolf. "If you want the children to learn, you have to capture their attention. What I learned as a teacher is that you can only

teach those who want to learn. I taught Ute language to eight students last year, and only one was fluent by the end of it. If you want this language to survive, you have to form a committee of fluent speakers have them develop a plan while keeping it consistent."

Tribal elder and former chairwoman, Pearl Casias, stated that the youth must surround themselves with the education of their language as early as possible.

"When a young woman has a child, she must absorb herself with the language because the children hear everything around them. That child is already on their way to understanding. Our language comes from the creator, it's sacred, and defines who we are as Southern Utes. To continue to speak it, you must preserve it and relearn the customs, traditions, and history that makes a person who they are."

Honoring Native Americans



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Dewayne Hendren, Southern Ute Brave reminds the elementary students about the importance of heritage.

Eddie Box Jr. and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Odyssey Baker-Silva greet the elementary students during Grand Entry.

Dance your traditional style



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Ula Gregory leads a group of students from the Ignacio Public Schools and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy in a Traditional Dance Class. The class was limited to 15 students but the popularity drove the numbers higher. The class was held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Students listen and watch intently as they prepare to dance. The Traditional Dance Class was held to teach the children various styles of dance in the Traditional Dance category.



ART CONTEST!

Don't miss out on your chance to WIN!

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners will receive a cash prize and a shirt from the contest.

Healing Spirits is a beginning to healing from addictions; healing in you, healing in survivors, those who have passed on, and to FUTURE generations. How would you like to portray your art of being "On the Red Road: Journey of Healing"?

Deadline for Art is December 1, 2015.

You may drop your work off at Peaceful Spirit 296 Mouache Drive, Ignacio CO, e-mail it to healingspiritsinrecovery@gmail.com or mail it to: C/O Healing Spirits PO Box 429, Ignacio CO - 81137 -

THEME:
"On the Red Road: Journey of Healing."



1st Place Art will be used for the New Year Sobriety Pow Wow T-shirt and may be used for the Future Healing Spirits Logo Design.

2nd and 3rd place will be used for decorative cards and momentums for Healing Spirits...



"At the Heart of Healing..."

Peaceful Spirit/ Healing Spirits

296 Mouache Circle | Ignacio, CO 81137 | 970-563-4555 | ebelin@sucap.org

For more information please Contact: Daisy Blue Star (970)403-2546 OR Sky Dawn (970)749-7030

Curing cancer with crafts



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Crafty sisters, Cindy Gallegos and Kathy Gurule have their hand-crafted, and baked goods on display for purchase at the annual Curing Cancer with Crafts at the Ignacio High School, Nov. 14. Cathy Otten, organizer of the event said they raised \$1,054 for cancer research.



Olivia Gomez-Cruz (9) and her younger sister pose with the crafts they made, an owl pillow and heart necklace. Other vendors were selling their arts and crafts and baked goods.



Mary Jane Fuschetto proudly stands with her recent purchases from Sarah Taylor. "I don't have to buy any more decorations, these will look nice on my piano," Fuschetto said.

Donating to BGC



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Rotary Club of Durango donated \$800 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Monday, Nov. 16 to support the youth in the Ignacio community. Board of Directors President, Edward Box III (right) accepts the check from Mary Young, member of the Rotary Club of Durango.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Joseph Rael Sr. discusses his latest book, "Being & Vibration: Entering The New World" at Maria's Bookshop in Durango on Thursday, Nov. 19. Rael also signed copies of his book for the attending guests.

TRIBAL LITERATURE

A 'New World' of stories

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

"Being & Vibration: Entering The New World" is the latest book by Southern Ute author, Joseph Rael Sr., which tells the wondrous tales of spirituality and personal heritage. Rael held a special signing at Maria's Bookshop on Thursday, Nov. 19 in Durango, where he shared the thematic elements of his story.

"Teach your kids and grandkids about culture,

your history – in this life, none of us are an accident because we are destined to be here," he said to a roomful of fascinated readers. "That's how the universe functions. We as humans must reach the same level of consciousness."

"What is your personal view on existence?" a guest asked, to which Rael answered – "We're not moving to our highest potential. Be aware of your surroundings and you will find all the potential you can ever

have. At the end of the day, it's there for you to take. We exist as we are because of the way we see ourselves in the moment."

Rael was met with applause and signed copies for all attending guests. He left them with a statement about having a "ceremony" throughout the days.

"Everyday you wake up, take note about your life, because that's apart of your ceremony. Everything we do is a ceremony because we all live in the moment."

TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Reorganization of CFO duties

Editor's note: This is a letter from the Chairman's office.

As you know, the Tribe's assets have grown considerably in the last two decades. This growth has created additional complexity in the Permanent Fund's Finance Department. The Tribal Council and Administration have been reviewing the current Finance Department structure and have decided that some changes are necessary to position the department for the future.

Mr. Zink's contract with the Tribe expires at the end of 2015, and he will be carrying out his duties until that time. After that point, the duties of the Chief Fi-

nancial Officer will be divided between two positions, Chief Financial Officer and a new position titled Director of Strategic Planning. Both of these positions will be advertised in the near future.

The redesigned Chief Financial Officer position will allow the CFO to focus on the Permanent Fund's finances and on the increasingly demanding day-to-day administration of the Finance Department. The Director of Strategic Planning will work directly with the Tribal Council and will focus on financial planning, strategy, and special projects. We plan to fill these two positions with qualified candidates

as soon as possible.

A transition plan and team is in place to ensure a smooth transition during this reorganization.

For questions about the reorganization, please contact Mike Olguin, Treasurer, at 970-563-0100, ext. 2402 or Michelle Taylor-Cruz, Executive Officer, at 970-563-0100, ext. 2300.

For questions about the hiring process for the new Finance Department positions, please contact Cathy Otten at 970-563-5062. If you have finance-related questions, you will be able to contact the personnel in the Finance Department who you are accustomed to contacting.

HOUSING SURVEY • FROM PAGE 1





Council tells tales at Academy



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members Clement J. Frost, Ramona Y. Eagle, and Melvin J. Baker, paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Thursday, Nov. 12. The council members met with the students to read them various philosophical stories involving spirituality and life lessons – which the students took to personal satisfaction. Vice Chairwoman Ramona Y. Eagle, reads a story about spirituality to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Thursday, Nov. 12.



Tribal councilman, Melvin J. Baker keeps student, Kenneth Burch interested the story. The tale includes a cottontail rabbit that goes on a personal journey of discovery.

Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost, keeps the students enticed with his story.

EDUCATION UPDATE

Next monthly JOM Meeting

Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 7, at the Southern Ute Education Dept. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m.

This is only a test...



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio High School students performed in the play 'This Is A Test' Saturday evening in the newly constructed Ignacio Performance Building. The play was about the stresses of taking a test and what a student may experience while taking a test. Anthony Suina 'Alan' shows his frustration towards one of his fellow classmates, 'Christine' played by Chamisa Edd, startling her out of her seat. Roman Vasquez (left) played 'Louie', and in the back row were sisters Gabrian 'Patricia' and Piper 'student' Creason. In the background is, Chasity Bean, Alan's 'left brain'

Enjoying reading Wednesdays



courtesy Jackie Candelaria /Ignacio Elementary School

Sunshine and Terence Whyte read to Sonny and friends at Reading Wednesday in the Parent Room at Ignacio Elementary. Reading Wednesday is an activity happening weekly during the lunch hour. Why come to Reading Wednesday? Your children love it when you visit them at school. When you come in, you're showing them you think their education is important. Something as simple as just reading to them, helps them to be better readers. The school lunch (\$3) you'll enjoy while reading to them is delicious! All books are provided! Just show up!

Lunch Schedule: Kinders: 11 a.m.; 1st Grade: 11:05 a.m.; 2nd Grade: 12:10 p.m.; 3rd Grade: 11:50 a.m.; 4th Grade: 11:25 a.m.; and 5th Grade: 12:05 p.m.

Celebrating grandparents



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students treat their grandparents to a song before the Thanksgiving meal was served on Wednesday, Nov. 18.



Tribal member, Joyce Delaware Ford joined her grandkids for Thanksgiving lunch at Grandparent's Day hosted by the Head Start.

The tables were decorated with different variations of turkeys crafted by the Head Start students.

It's never too late to get your GED!
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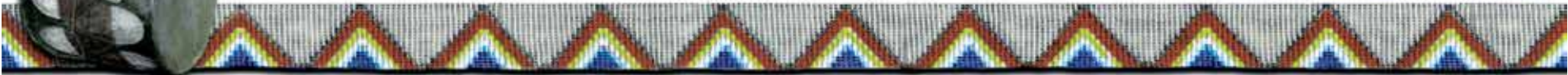
Transportation available to Durango Adult Education Center and potential classes at the Southern Ute Educational Center.

Call today to continue on your educational path!

For more information contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger at the Southern Ute Educational Department at 970.563.0237 X2784. / jhunstiger@southern-ute.nsn.us

Salmon give-away at Lake Nighthorse

Colorado Parks and Wildlife wants to let the Southern Ute tribal members know about the spawning/fish giveaways. Fish giveaways are scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on December 4. The fish will be donated at the boat ramp at Lake Nighthorse. Southern Ute tribal members are NOT required to have a Colorado fishing license, however some form of tribal identification is needed. We encourage people to bring a small cooler or container.



Walking in remembrance



Brandon Velasquez, Roman Velasquez, Randi Peabody and Sky Dawn Carmenoros hold the “Healing Spirits” banner and start the memorial walk. The walk was from the south casino parking lot to Rock Creek south of Ignacio.



Sky Dawn Carmenoros hands out blue balloons to walk attendees to show support and for one final release, once walkers reached their final destination.

The Sobriety Memorial Walk, sponsored by Healing Spirits, was held on Saturday, Nov. 14. Many gathered on the sunny day to show support for their loved ones: Ben Velasquez, Randy “Pooh” Baker, Ricky “Ricks” Baker and Clayton Baker. The walk started at the south parking lot of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and ended at Rock Creek south of Ignacio.

Photos by Trennie Collins
The Southern Ute Drum



Families gathered to celebrate the lives of their lost loved ones at the Sobriety Memorial Walk held on Nov. 14.



Shailyn Olguin and her sister Angela Baker pay their respects and place a white carnation next to the picture of their late uncle, Clayton Baker.

SOBRIETY POW WOW

January 2, 2016

Grand Entry: 1p.m. and 7p.m.

Sun Ute Recreation Center

290 Montezuma Circle, Ignacio, CO

HOST DRUM:

Yellow Jacket

Ignacio, CO

MC:

Sheila Nanaeto

Ignacio, CO

Social Fun!

Round Dance, 2 Step, Cake Walk, Raffle and much more...

VENDORS WELCOME!

ALL DRUMS WELCOME!

Food and Refreshments will be available through
Peaceful Spirit/ Healing Spirits Concession Stand!

For information contact Esther Belin @ (970)563-4556 – email: ebelin@sucap.org;
OR Sky Dawn @ (970)749-7030 – e-mail: skydawnbaker@gmail.com



Wrapped in the blue ribbon, with light blue and white flowers, with pictures and signs made by loved ones is the memorial that stands at Rock Creek at the south end of Ignacio.

Walking for diabetes awareness



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program hosted a one-mile walk in light of Diabetes Awareness Month on Thursday, Nov. 19, inviting employees of the Southern Ute Permanent Fund and Growth Fund. The walk rounded about tribal campus and ended with a serving of healthy foods. Tribal member, Neida Chackee smiles as she participates in the Diabetes Awareness month walk.

The Southern Ute Drum is compiling photos of ALL our living and deceased Southern Ute Veterans for the 2016 Southern Ute Tribal Calendar. Bring in your photos to the Drum offices to be scanned, in the Leonard C. Burch Building at 365 Ouray Dr. in Ignacio. For more information contact the Drum at 970-563-0118.



Tribe gives thanks, welcomes Ute guests



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members and their families enjoyed a festive feast full of fanciful favorites of Thanksgiving fare. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied yams and veggies were on the holiday menu. Don't forget the pumpkin and pecan pies!



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council members, Cameron Weaver and Larenz Wilborn help serve the elders in attendance at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Putting the 'giving' in Thanksgiving



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

BGC of The Southern Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe collaborated for this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. With donations from boxes placed all over the Ignacio community including, Farmers Fresh, Permanent Fund buildings, Thriftway, The Patio and many other places they gathered approximately 1,000 food items that will be donated to families for Thanksgiving. Lindsay Box, BGC Mentor Coordinator (left), Casandra Sanchez, BGC Program Coordinator (center), Augusta Burch, BGC Program Specialist and Trennie Collins, PR Coordinator (right) for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted their annual Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center, Saturday, Nov. 21. The event hosted a number of Southern Ute tribal members and their families and guests from the Ute sister tribes were also in attendance.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty members, (left to right): Jr. Miss Southern Ute – Odyssey Baker-Silva, Little Miss Southern Ute – Krystyn Weaver, and Southern Ute Brave – Dewyane Hendren greeted guests at the annual Thanksgiving dinner.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Betty Box, asks guests what they are thankful for.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Attendees help themselves to the buffet of food.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members Tyson Thompson (left) and Ramona Y. Eagle (center) along with Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost (right) each gave a welcome to begin the Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner.

Elementary gives thanks



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Students of the Ignacio Elementary School sit together and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, Thursday, Nov. 19. Some of the students were joined by family members and loved ones.



A few Ignacio High School students volunteered their time to help serve the Thanksgiving lunch. Food for about 800 meals was prepared for the lunch.

The Ignacio Elementary School cafeteria was filled to capacity, and tables were set up on the stage and in the gym to accommodate all the guests.



Ignacio's

Taste of an Old-Fashioned Christmas

December 4th, 2015
5:00 – 8:00 PM
Location at ELHI
Evening Events



Light Parade 5:00 PM through town (Info call 970-563-4753)

Christmas Bazaar 5:00-8:00 PM: Booth (info call 970-563-4753)

Kids Photos with Santa 5:30-7:00 PM

Family Fun Crafts 5:30- 7:30 PM

Los Colores de Ignacio Dancers performing at 6:30 PM

Southern Ute Royalty

Horse Carriage Rides 5:30-7:00 PM

Kids receive a gift bag

Hot chocolate and cookies

Information on this event call 970-563-4753

or email Lindsay Box at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov and/or

Cassandra Sanchez at casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov

Event Sponsors

Ginger Bread House Contest: bring your homemade gingerbread house to enter in our contest. Prizes will be awarded.

Public will vote.








IHS FOOTBALL

Cats earn 1st Team All-SPC

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It bears reiterating that head coach ‘Ponch’ Garcia knew he and his staff would travel a hard road in 2015.

“Right now I don’t have ... those basketball kids, haven’t seen them,” he said during his first pre-season interview as the Bobcats’ new commander-in-chief, thinking (correctly, as it turned out) several 14 standouts might focus solely on their work for a much-anticipated winter.

“It’s always good to have top athletes in a school play for all sports – especially in a small school – but you can’t make them do it if they don’t want to do it.”

And with that, he immediately re-routed the chat towards an eagerness to work with who did, noting sheer willingness as the cornerstone for any athletic program, be it IHS Boys’ Basketball or IHS Football.

“One thing leads to another ... Then you can start playing schools like basketball does; you can have kids saying ‘Maybe I’ll challenge myself to a higher standard.’”

Recently receiving First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference nods were two such Cats. Junior Lorenzo Pena and senior Austin McCaw were asked to do almost anything to help mold a young team for the future, and whether it was Pena trying to lead the ground game or McCaw being a prime-receiving target, the duo did their best.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Lorenzo Pena (20) tries eluding a Hotchkiss tackler during the Bobcats’ 2015 opener at IHS Field. Pena was named First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference for his multi-faceted contributions to the team.

Defensively, McCaw saw his most action on the line while Pena provided pursuit from his linebacker spot and also tripled when possible as Ignacio’s primary punter.

Junior RB/LB Dalton Mickey was a Second Team All-SPC choice, while OL/DL Dustin Sanchez learned well on the job during his freshman season and received Honorable Mention All-SPC to cap it all off.

Monte Vista’s Manny Wasinger was named Coach-of-the-Year after his team went 5-0 in conference play and 8-2 overall after a tense, one-point home loss to Limon in the

1A State Playoffs’ opening Round-of-12. Scoring 13 touchdowns rushing for the Pirates, with his 138-for-779 figures complemented by 14-for-133 receiving, senior Presley Garcia was chosen First Team All-SPC and Offensive Player-of-the-Year.

Defensive POY distinction went to Walsenburg John Mall’s Garrett Quintana. Besides powering the Panthers’ run game offensively (109-687, 4 TD), the First Team All-SPC senior recorded 46 solo and 67 total tackles, intercepted two passes, and even served as JMHS’ kickoff specialist and placekicker to boot (pun intended).

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Valdez chosen for CCGS All-State

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

There was a Mile High City trip, of sorts, after all for Ignacio Volleyball.

Chrystianne Valdez, however, had to pack a team’s worth of energy – previously reserved for a possible drive to the Denver Coliseum and berth in the now-completed 2A State Championships – and do the representing herself with and against the classification’s best at the 2015 Colorado Coaches of Girls’ Sports All-State Games.

Her ability recognized in action at regionals in Ridgway by Paonia head coach Krista Carsten (whose Lady Eagles eliminated IHS), the senior libero – named First Team All-San Juan Basin League – was to be the starter on the Carsten-led 2A-Blue crew against the 2A-Red on Sunday, Nov. 22, up at Arvada West High School.

Results were unfortunately unavailable at press time.

Also tabbed for the senior-showcase event’s team were PHS setter Taylor Carsten and Rye setter Jenna Mansfield, giving Valdez two teammates against whom the Volleys had gone head-to-head this fall. That number increased to three with RHS’ Kaitlyn Rutherford – who led the Lady Demons to a repeat Coliseum appearance, though as a wild card after losing the regional title to Paonia – getting Carsten’s nod.

The Blues’ attack was also to be led by Loveland Resurrection Christian’s Abby Skipworth – she and the Lady Cougars denied a third consecutive State Championship this year by Yuma – and PHS’ Ashley VanVleet, as well as Edwards Vail Christian’s Taylor Alexander, Fowler’s Brianna Hobby and Cedaredge’s Kenzie Henderson.

Alternates for the 10:30



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior libero Chrystianne Valdez (2) focuses on making a clean pass against Vail Mountain during the 2015 Simla Invitational. In addition to being named First Team All-SJBL, Valdez was also selected to play in the 2015 Colorado Coaches of Girls’ Sports All-State Games.

a.m. match’s designated “home” team were to be VC’s Remy Beveridge, RC’s Maddi McDaniel, Mile High League during the last four (in which the program, since Skipworth’s arrival, is 104-9) after a regular season-ending loss to Greeley Dayspring Christian in 2011.

GOOD TO MEET YOU: It was probably quite unique for Valdez to suit up alongside Skipworth.

Since a loss to Parker Lutheran at the 2012 State Championships, Resurrection Christian went on an amazing undefeated run which finally ended midway through the 2015 campaign – Oct. 6 in four games at 4A Johnstown Roosevelt, to be precise – at 70 consecutive victories.

The five-game loss to YHS in the grand finale

then left RC with an 85-2 overall record during the last three seasons, but a 42-0 mark in the 2A/1A Mile High League during the last four (in which the program, since Skipworth’s arrival, is 104-9) after a regular season-ending loss to Greeley Dayspring Christian in 2011.

ALSO SALUTED

Valdez wasn’t the lone Cat recognized by the SJBL following Ignacio’s 15-9 season. Sophomore setter Shoshone Thompson was named Second Team All-League, as was junior middle Kelly Campbell, according to information given by head coach Thad Cano. A full list, likely headed by Player-of-the-Year favorite Rutherford, had not been submitted by press time.

B-ballers ready for action



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Now one of several Ignacio seniors with high hopes for the 2015-16 season, guard Anthony Manzanares swoops underneath 3A Pagosa Springs’ now-graduated L.J. Smith (32) during last year’s opener inside PSHS Gymnasium. Coming off a 23-3 effort last winter, the Bobcats will again get things started against the Pirates (13-10 last year), welcoming them to IHS Gymnasium on Dec. 1.

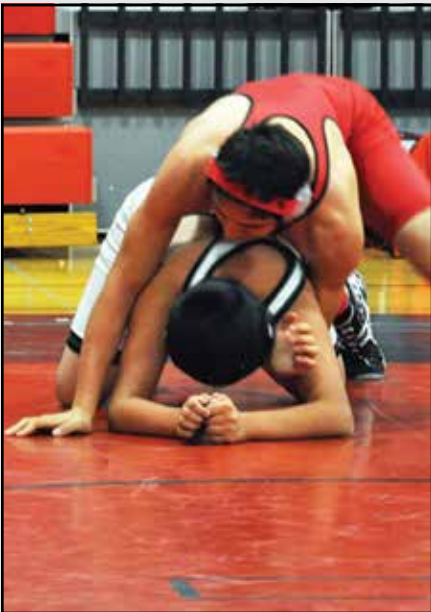
Ignacio now-sophomore guard Avionne Gomez takes her chance to drive past Pagosa Springs’ Morgan Lewis during last year’s opener inside PSHS Gymnasium. Coming off an outstanding 17-5 effort last winter, the Lady Bobcats will again get things started against the Lady Pirates, welcoming the reigning Class 3A State Champions (26-0, 10-0 Intermountain last year) to IHS Gymnasium on Dec. 1.

IMS grapplers wrap up season



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Middle School hosted the Ignacio Invitational, Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Ignacio High School. Cyrus Naranjo (foreground) on mat two struggles to free himself from the hold of his opponent, successfully scoring two points, while teammate, Keegan Sherman (background) works his opponent on mat one. Ignacio’s only grappler winning a medal was Jonas Nanaeto, placing second in his 120 lb. weight-class.



Ignacio Middle School heavyweight, Badger Yellowbird works on pinning his opponent during second round action. Yellowbird did successfully pin his adversary, winning the match.

Forest Hunter works his arm up under for a half nelson to turn his opponent over for the pin, in his 167 lb. weight class. The Ignacio Middle School wrestlers finished second in league overall.

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The Southern Ute Election Board would like to thank the following tribal departments and individuals for your helpful suggestions and assistance.

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*Thank You,
Election Board
Southern Ute Indian Tribe*

HEALING SPIRITS THANKS YOU

Healing Spirits would like to send a special thanks the community of Ignacio including Ignacio Floral for your participation, and the Southern Ute Reservation, families, friends, from near and far, and to the Southern Ute Drum for attending the Sobriety Walk on November 14, 2015. We dedicated the walk to the families of our dearly departed, Ricky and Randy Baker Jr., Clayton Baker, and Ben Velasquez.

Thank you to Sue Velasquez and family, Randy Baker Sr. and family, and to Sanjean Burch and family for helping put the memorial into place with your words, wisdom and guidance. Thank you for your support in providing memories to this walk from the beginning to the end.

Thank you to Alex Cloud for the prayer, thank you Yellow Jacket for the Memorial Song, and Council woman Amy Barry for your kind words.

Thank you to everyone in Peaceful Spirits and Healing Spirits, as well as the incomers from the community who put your touch in the momentums for this walk. Your effort is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all of our walkers who attended and experienced this memorial with us. We are greatly appreciative of your support for which ever reason you chose to attend, whether you are family, friends, or just supporters of sobriety. Your participation showed that we can come together and gather for a good cause and healing can continue in our hearts. Through this experience, there was a lot of brainstorming, there was a lot of outreach, there were prayers, tears, laughter, forgiveness and most of all commitment from everyone to pull together as a community and represent not only memory, but sobriety. Through creator, everyone did their part and it was a very beautiful experience. THIS WALK COULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALL OF YOU! THANK YOU!

In closing, I'd like to not only extend this special thanks to everyone who made this possible, but I'd

also like to send an invitation to keep this momentum going with support to future walks. We will be sponsoring walks for everyone who is interested in remembering loved ones. We are reaching out to you to let you know, you are important to our community. If you are interested in having a memorial walk, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and let us know. We are very much interested in supporting you and your families!

*With Much Respect,
Daisy Blue Star – Healing
Spirits Representative
Sky Dawn- Healing Spirits
Representative
Esther Belin- Intake/
Outpatient Coordinator*

THE TRAIL OF TEARS

Well it begins when the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto came into Cherokee Territory. That was in 1540 he and his men were searching for gold. But when they found nothing they left and about 100 years later Frenchmen came, and then Englishmen.

There were fur traders they traded guns and metal tools and things to the Cherokee for skins of animals and to get one gun or pistol from the Europeans the Cherokee would give them a stack of hides as big as a rifle is high the Indians didn't like it too much. And by the 1700's English settlers were coming into Cherokee Territory to build homes and farms.

Then in 1776 the Americans went to war against Great Britain to make America a free nation. The British asked the Cherokees to help them and we Cherokees did.

When the American's won the war we ended up on the losing side. And the American made us give up more land.

But we did the best we could with our land we had left. Most all the Cherokees turned to farming or business.

Finally by 1828, most of the Cherokee were well off. Some owned big plantations and had slaves just as many southerners had.

We had formed a new nation, called the Cherokee Nation, and a government that was like the white states. We even had a president he was John Ross. One of the greatest leaders the Cherokee ever had we even had schools and even a newspaper.

Next, even though Cherokee land was protected by a treaty with the United States it didn't matter. In the year 1830, the government passed a law forcing all the Indians in the Southeast to move west across the Mississippi River, in to what is now Oklahoma.

In 1838, the government sent 7000 soldiers to round up the Cherokee and put them into camps. Plus the local white people stole our animals and burned our houses. But the worst was yet to come.

In October 1838 the soldiers began to force the Cherokees westward in groups of about 1000. Most of the people were on foot, winter struck as they were moving. They had to make their way through freezing rain and blizzards and the weather was very cold. Plus

there wasn't enough food. And there was no shelter about 4000 people – almost one fourth of all those who started out died of cold or disease! They weren't even given time to bury their dead, to this very day we still call it the Trail of Tears.

But not all of the Cherokees left their beloved homeland. About 1000 managed to escape. They hid in the mountains of North Carolina. But it seemed hopeless in time surely they would be caught and sent away like the others.

But with money these Cherokee had saved a white trader Colonel William Thomas, bought land for them. This was a clever trick! The land couldn't be taken from the Cherokee because it belonged to the white man.

So today there are two groups of Cherokee about 5000 still live on their land in North Carolina they have their own factories, a lumber industry and motels for tourists.

During the summer, Cherokee actors dancers and musicians put on a marvelous play called, "Unto These Hills."

It's the story of the Cherokee People.

By Joseph Rael Jr.

VA THANK YOU

The Disabled American Veterans, Silver San Juan Chapter, would like to say "Thank You" to the many individuals, businesses and civic organizations that helped make the 2nd Annual Four Corners Veterans Stand Down a success. This year we were able to assist over 100 veterans with information provided by over 55 agencies.

Our veterans spent the day receiving support and gratitude by everyone involved in the Stand Down. We were able to provide haircuts, hot meals, clothing, information on benefits, jobs, housing, education, spiritual guidance, banking, resumes, medical and emotional support, pet care and much more to the veterans who attended.

The support from the community was overwhelming this year and so greatly appreciated by the veterans who attended as well as the DAV and VA.

This event would not have been possible without all of the donations of food, clothing, volunteers and providers.

A very special thanks to the Durango, Denver, Albuquerque and Farmington VA representatives, Bob Collette, Buch Crim, John Ogle, Mike Amato, Cheryl Shou, Peggy Schroder and Mike Amato for all their hard work pulling this together; and to everyone who came that day to volunteer their time. We thank you for your support of our veterans and hope to see you next year!

*Thank you!!!
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COMMUNITY WISHES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 26, TO CHERISH STELLA-MAE.

Seven years old already. Boy how time flies when your having fun! I thank god for you daily! I don't know what i would do without you! You are such a fun filled liddo girl! Always smiling! We love you so much Nü'nei Piisiyavü Pö'öKwatü, The Breath That Touches Our Heart!

Love,
Mom, Nate, Aziryah n Grama Flo



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KJ!

Thanksgiving is always our time to celebrate your day of birth! Reminicing the early morning drive to Albq. to greet you on your day, watching the Cowboys play in the waiting room, each of us taking turns to see you. Eating Thanksgiving dinner at Denny's. A day to remember for sure, but mostly for you grandson, we are thankful for our little turkey boy.

Love you KJ,
Papa Bobby and all your relations

FIRST YEAR BUCK

Jeremy Carmenoros, age 13 and son of Heather and Jason, proudly poses with a nice rez-buck. This is his first year hunting and shot the buck with his .243. Good job son, so proud of you!



TRIBAL OBITUARIES



PEABODY

In Memory of Janis Peabody. Janis was born Thursday, May 10, 1951 and passed away Thursday, November 12, 2015.

A Visitation was held Monday, November 16, 2015, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church, in Ignacio, CO.

Service were held Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Officiating was done by Father Damian de la Cruz-Núñez at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio, CO. Interment followed at Ignacio East Cemetery.

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Farewell to Jesmer



Chris Naranjo/SU Police Dept.

SUPD recently hosted a small gathering to say goodbye to longtime employee Marilyn Jesmer. Marilyn's last day was Thursday November 19, 2015. Marilyn dedicated 14 years of her life to the Southern Ute Tribe. Marilyn was the Administrative Assistant for the Criminal Investigations Division at SUPD. Marilyn did way more than what her job duties required. Marilyn was a great asset to the police department and will be missed by many. Marilyn built a great working relationship with everyone she came into contact with. Marilyn did so much for everyone that it is not possible to list all of it here. Marilyn will be moving to Oklahoma to be with her family. We at SUPD want to wish Marilyn nothing but the best in her retirement; because that is just what she deserves, The BEST!! We Love You and We'll Miss You Dearly Marilyn.

Strategic Planning Training Coming to Durango Dec. 16

Community Resource Center is hosting a 1-day training for all Executive Directors and Board Members

Community Resource Center (CRC) would like to invite all Executive Directors and nonprofit Board Members in the Southwest region to register for a 1-day strategic planning training on December 16, 2015. Executive Directors and Board Members will leave with the tools and resources necessary to craft a compelling and relevant strategic plan that is practical, measurable, and can be implemented without the cost of hiring an outside consultant. The training will cover topics including:

- Recognition of what a

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- Identifying the core elements that are the foundations of a strategic plan
- Craft compelling goals, objectives and activities
- Strategies for implementation

The training will be taught by Maria Fabula, President and CEO, and Rebecca Gorrell, Director of Education and Leadership Development. The Ballantine Family Fund has generously agreed to sponsor this training to keep the cost affordable.

- Wednesday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Durango Public Library: 1900 E. 3rd Avenue, Durango, CO 81301

- \$55 Early Bird (ends 12/9); \$70 Regular Price
- Go to www.regonline.com/stratplanSW1216 to register today!

Priority registration is being offered to those nonprofit professionals who work in the Southwest region. If you work outside of that region but would like to attend the training, contact Rebecca Gorrell, Director of Education & Leadership Development, at gorrell@crcamerica.org to get your name put on the waitlist. Community Resource Center (CRC) creates opportunities, tools and strategies to develop nonprofits and community groups to strengthen Colorado. We are a mission driven nonprofit that offers a continuum of services throughout the state of Colorado.



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TWO ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill positions on the Ethics Commission: ONE vacancy for "Ethic Commission Member" (closes Dec. 30, 2015); and ONE vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" (closes Nov. 30, 2015). Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

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KSUT Board of Directors has one vacancy for a Native American Board Member. Interested KSUT Board of Director applicants send a resume to Robert Franklin at bob@ksut.org.

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Southern Ute Agency – Forestry Technician

Forestry Technician at Southern Ute Agency (GS-0462-06/07)

Closing date 12/8/15

Requires Engine Boss and ICT4 qualifications and experience at the GS-5 level and is a great opportunity to become an integral part of a high fire load program. Please contact Rich Gustafson, Southern Ute Agency, FMO at 970-563-4571 if there are questions.

ELHI Community Center – Site Assistant

Site Assistant

Close date 12/ 7/15

Coordinating space use and security needs and collecting rents. Some light maintenance. On call – 10 mile radius to downtown Ignacio. Good computer skills a must. Must pass background check. ELHI is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For a full job description and application, email: elhicenter@gmail.com.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Trainee position

Full-Time General Manager Trainee

Closing date 12/11/15

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking applicants for the position of General Manager Trainee of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Trainee position open only to enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and consists of a 4 year curriculum to advance the candidate to the position of the General Manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The curriculum will include off-site advanced educational components such as: executive management/leadership training, evolution of economic thought, business creativity and innovation, social media marketing, human resources, followed by on-site on-the-job-training rotations throughout the property. Requirements and qualifications: Must be at least 21 years of age and able to obtain a Key Gaming License. Applicants will be subject to a pre-employment drug test, comprehensive background check including criminal history and past employment references. Preferred qualifications: 4-year undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university, preferably in Business Management or Administration; Experience working in the Gaming Industry; Work history experience demonstrating a progression of increased duties and responsibilities; Strong written and verbal skills; and Positive references from all current and previous employers.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Cashier (Local Native only)

Closing date 11/26/2015

Provides general clerical support to the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable and Payroll offices, and serves as cashier. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Pharmacist

Closing date 11/30/15

Professional position that provides clinical, health promotion/disease prevention, and educational services specific to the pharmacy programs operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Dental Assistant

Closing date 12/5/15

Under dentist supervision, Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions.

Director of Strategic Planning

Closing date 12/21/15

Working with Tribal Council to develop long-term strategic objectives for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Responsibilities also include researching and developing tax strategies regarding Tribal Member distributions; developing on-boarding material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; as well as developing materials and providing education for the Tribal Membership on the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans.

Chief Financial Officer

Closing date 12/21/15

Planning and directing budget, finance, and accounting functions for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund. Responsible for the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment and the Tribal Member Financial Services. Provides direct supervision for the finance and accounting department to provide accurate financial records and to advise Tribal Council on financial and budgeting issues

Crisis Caseworker

Open until filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

Patrol Officer

Open until filled

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Criminal Investigator

Open until filled

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Internship Program

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for Southern Ute Tribal members who are interested in working in the automotive mechanic industry. Through a partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), an internship opportunity is available to work in a heavy equipment repair facility. Will assist ASE certified mechanics in variety of repairs. Requires heavy lifting and attention to detail. Because this position is an internship, no previous experience is required. Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Tire and wheel maintenance
- Component inspection
- Shop maintenance and work area organization
- Vehicle and Equipment operation and maintenance
- Paperwork and record keeping

Pays \$13 per hour. If you are interested in this twelve month opportunity to gain valuable experience, please contact Dr. Hunstiger from the Education Dept. at 970-563-0237. Applicants must meet qualifying selection criteria as set by the Education Department and CDOT.

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Upcoming Holiday Tribal Office Closures

- **Nov. 26-27** Thanksgiving
- **Dec. 10-11** Leonard C. Burch Day
- **Dec. 25** Christmas
- **Jan. 1, 2016** New Year's Day

Happy holidays from The Southern Ute Drum

FLY-FISHING

Arkansas is more than a state

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

One of the high points of my year was the annual fly fishing trip Sam and I took with a group of friends from Texas. This group is made up of three doctors, one lawyer, two sons that are a lawyer and construction manager, plus Sam and I. Guess where Sam and I fit in on the educational level. To make matters worse, all these guys are good rod hands. I think Sam and I are invited only because we know our way around the state, and have vehicles large enough to carry all their gear. Regardless of the reason for us being invited, it is always fun. This year the trip was to the Arkansas River.

If you’ve never fly-fished the Arkansas River, you should. It’s an easy drive from Durango, and provides endless opportunities to fish. The river flows for 1,400 miles from its origin in the Sawatch Mountains to the Mississippi River. However, the most popular stretch of the river is the 120-mile run from Leadville to Canon City. Similar to many rivers in Colorado, the Arkansas flows through both private and public lands. For this 120-mile stretch 60 percent is through private land. That leaves 48 miles of public accessible river. If 48 miles is not enough river for you, you can float the entire 120 miles.

My merry group of fly fishing partners picked three days in late September for this year’s outing.



There are many towns to find lodging, food, drink, and easy access to the river; Salida was their choice. The group decided to hire guides for the three days of fishing, and Arkanglers drew the short straw. I’m not sure they have recovered from this eight-some. The three days consisted of floating the Arkansas for two days and fishing a high mountain lake, at 11,500 feet, the last day.

For me, floating the Arkansas River is different from other rivers I have floated. The river valley is fairly narrow, and has lots of large boulders. Being narrow, with 5,000 vertical feet of fall in its first 125 miles, the river can have a high rate of flow. This means whoever is rowing has to be really good on the oars. The guides from Arkanglers were. The large numbers of big boulders, strategically placed close to each other, also mandates the boats be inflatable rather than the rigid drift boats you see around here. Inflatables bend easier than fiberglass.

So, what did two days of floating and one day of lake fishing produce in the way of fish and fun? Lots of both. While floating, both nymphs and dry flies were used. We caught browns and rainbows in all types of water conditions. Similar to floating in other areas of Colorado we saw a variety of wildlife, a herd of big horn sheep standing on the shore, bald eagles, and deer; beaver were also spotted. I do have to mention that one of the highly educated participants demonstrated why you wear a life jacket while floating. Enough said; use your imagination.

The high mountain lake was my favorite day. The drive was only an hour, but across roads that keep lots of people out. Also, the elevation can be a hindrance to those used to living at lower elevations. If you go, be sure to drink lots of water, and don’t get in a foot race for what you think is the best spot.

The lake was clear and had lots of cutthroats feeding along the shore. We were able to wade at the shallow end of the lake and used dry flies all day. While the fish weren’t huge, they were very healthy and really hungry. This was a great place to fish and lends itself to float tubes. I’m taking mine next year. Oh yea, we got another swimming exhibition from one of our group.

The Arkansas River is just one more reason to live and fly fish in southwest Colorado.

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participants are encouraged to ask questions of the participating American Indian Business people who have “walked the walk” in the world of business and can serve as mentors to the next generation of emerging business leaders.

“You have to believe in yourself more than you do today,” said Tasha Zuzalek, Program Manager for Small Business of Facebook. “I often say that I got lucky, but I figured out I worked super hard to get where I was. Go to the school you want to go to, get the job you want, and keep an eye on your goals.”

Southern Ute tribal members, David Boyd and Lakota TwoCrow did an activity with the audience by demonstrating a handshake they made, which they encouraged participants to meet someone new by doing the same.

“We created this handshake out of friendship, and we want you to do the same too,” Lakota Two-



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Gary “Litefoot” Davis holds a discussion with S.R. Tommie, President of Redline Media Group, about remembering your background and heritage.

Crow said.

“Go on and meet someone new and create something with them,” David Boyd added.

Dr. Christopher Emdin, Associate Professor and Co-Founder of HipHopEd gave an enticing and motivating speech about holding onto tradition.

“Your history is all you have to hold onto your tradition. You have to express the nuance of your environment. Your elders hold knowledge that no universe

will ever dismiss. “

S.R. Tommie, President of Redline Media Group, focused on the importance of integrity.

“Being humble is the most important advice I can give you. Never forget where you come from. Understand the world that we live in. You’re here for a reason, and that reason is to make a difference. If we put focus on having integrity, having our vision, respecting our past – we will make all the difference.”

STARWHEELS
Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♊ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**
JOYFUL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS SAGITTARIUS! Jingle those bells, it’s the season to be jolly. Never mind the frantic Christmas shopping, or your busy December schedule. There’s still time to get most of the items on your “To Do” list taken care of. JUPITER is at a high point in your Horoscope and indicates promise, and progress at work. It may be especially rewarding on CHRISTMAS EVE when JUPITER (your planetary pal) connects with VENUS, and surrounds you with a warm and loving aura. Be Merry SAGGIES.

♋ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**
TREE TOP ANGELS AND SPARKLING LIGHTS. Get ready for an exceptional month CAPRICORN! MERCURY spins into your sign on the 9th and escorts you into Holiday Party Mode. The SUN returns to your sign after the 20th, and with it a celebration of the season. JUPITER’S entertaining influence may have you attending Christmas parties, and getting together with friends. PLUTO is midway through your sign, and its influence is sometimes hard to understand. The message of this outermost planet is related to your willingness to regenerate, and let go of outworn habits.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
SLEIGH BELLS ARE RINGING. The SUN, and SATURN set up promising opportunities for December. Pay attention AQUARIANS, you won’t want to miss out on anything THIS month! You’re in “GO” mode now and that is your primary incentive. This is definitely the month to follow your hopes, dreams, and wishes. What are you waiting for? URANIAN influences are surrounding you now. Make the most of December’s planetary pattern. Walk your Walk, Talk your Talk, and have a HAPPY HOLIDAY!

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**
BRIGHT COLORED PACKAGES. The SUN, MERCURY, and SATURN high in the career zone this month, spell out success with employment goals. Stay focused Little Fishes. Just because your Zodiac symbol is the two fish swimming in opposite directions, doesn’t mean you have to. The current stand-off between SATURN and NEPTUNE begins to fade after the 4th, and gradually clears away some of the doubt, and confusion regarding recent decisions. Get organized PISCES. You’re determination is being tested.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**
CANDY CANES AND SNOWMEN. When your ruling planet MARS squares off with PLUTO on the 6th you might want to rethink certain career choices, or changes. A resilient planetary influence may tempt you with the urge to travel for the holidays. But that’s not all December has to offer. There’s a meteor shower on the 13th adding Celestial Sparkle to the season. Practice patience on the 24th-26th. So put on your SANTA hat, your smile, and your CHRISTMAS spirit ARIES people. Have a super enjoyable holiday.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**
CHRISTMAS COOKIES, CAKES, AND PIES. It’s in your nature to balance pleasure and practicality. This month you may be balancing more than a checkbook. December’s planetary pattern suggests a fresh financial direction. The NEW MOON is the best time to initiate a change, and you can do so on the 11th. From the 4th through the 28th VENUS takes up residence in sexy SCORPIO and helps to improve relationships. Be willing to compromise TAURUS. There may be occasional opposition from partners. Bake some holiday cookies together.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**
BRIGHT CHRISTMAS WISHES GEMINI. Your tiny planet MERCURY has a busy agenda this month. For starters it links harmoniously with URANUS on the 1st encouraging fresh ideas. On the 4th it disagrees with JUPITER, and has you over-thinking almost everything by the 14th. Take it easy GEMINI, don’t strain your brain. On the 25th MERCURY gets cozy with JUPITER and sets up a cheerful fun-filled day. By the 29th, disagreements may arise. A supportive MOON/JUPITER connection (31st) has you welcoming 2016 contentedly.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**
IT’S HOLIDAY TIME! VENUS has floated into the like-minded sign of SCORPIO and may have you seriously clearing away all obstacles to get your holiday shopping completed. Motivating MARS sits in the domestic zone and pumps in hi-speed energy to your household preparations. Maintain the harmony MOON KIDS. Family cooperation may not come easily on the 6th, or the 10th. The bright CHRISTMAS FULL MOON in your sign, lights up your personal desire for a happy holiday celebration. Enjoy the season Cancer folks.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS LIONS. This may well be one of your favorite holidays LEO, and you might be chosen to act as the family Social Director, or as SANTA. Be inventive, make it entertaining, and enjoyable Lions. The children are sure to be delighted. A Christmas bonus may arrive with compliments from your generous Uncle JUPITER. A little extra cash always comes in handy, and it’s just in time for the holidays. BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC THAT IS CHRISTMAS LIONS, AND LIONESSES.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**
FESTIVE LIGHTS, AND LUMINARIAS. Adopting the role as peacemaker is a productive way to fend off family disagreements during Christmas. MARS just happens to be in the peacemaker sign of LIBRA for the whole month, and can help you maintain the harmony. The good news is that JUPITER is in your sign, and encourages new opportunities. Because of NEPTUNE and its reputation for confusion...stick to what you know will work for you. Outside interests might help you to keep your focus VIRGO.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**
JINGLE BELLS AND SNOWFLAKES. Christmas communications offer golden opportunities for you LIBRA. The SUN, MERCURY, and SATURN are in your favor early in December. On the 9th, MERCURY slips into CAPRICORN and swings the focus over to domestic affairs. You may not agree with the family plans when MARS clashes with PLUTO on the 6th, and with URANUS on the 10th. VENUS is currently transiting through a financial zone, and may be a beneficial influence with money matters.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**
WISH ON A STAR SCORPIO. A lucky NEW MOON in your cash zone on the 11th might bring some happy news regarding finances. With VENUS in your sign until the 28th a very MERRY CHRISTMAS is written in the stars. Both December lunation’s are in your favor, and single SCORPIO’S may be like a beacon sending out alluring vibrations. Chances are you could meet a soul-mate when VENUS and NEPTUNE connect on the 10th. A SUN/URANUS connection on the 8th adds an unexpected, but happy element to your lifestyle.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Thanksgiving, Nov. 26



Partly sunny 45°F
10% chance of precipitation

Friday, Nov. 27



Partly sunny 44°F
30% chance of precipitation

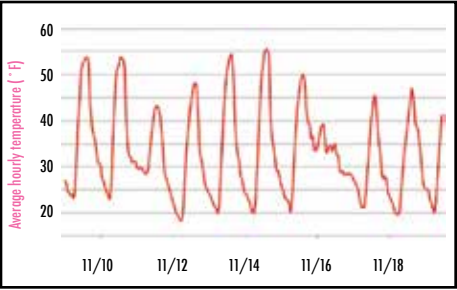
Saturday, Nov. 28



Mostly cloudy 44°F

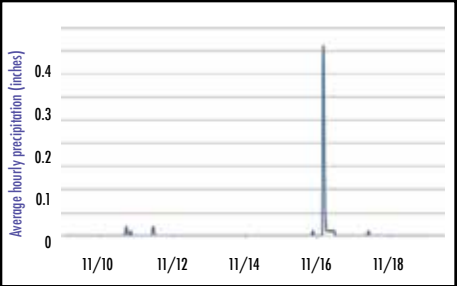


Weather data for November 9 – November 19



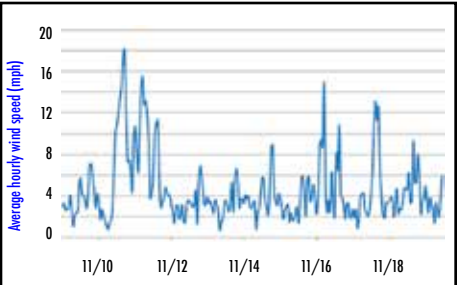
Temperature

High	55.4°
Low	18.3°
Average	32.2°
Average last year	35.3°



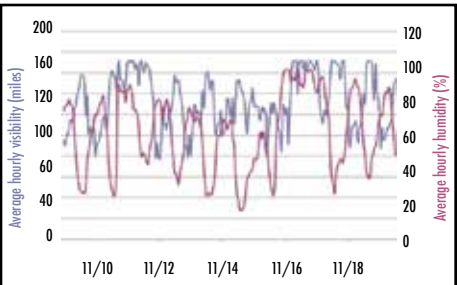
Precipitation

Total	0.610"
Total last year	0.440"



Wind speed

Average	4.6
Minimum	0.7
Maximum	18.0



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	132.2
Average humidity	62.5%

Air quality	
Good	
Air quality descriptor: 33	